

who passed away on October 25th, 2016. Annie was a remarkable public servant who cared deeply for those in the community she served, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Annie Carter was born to Thomas and Rosa Bell Carter in Wilcox County, Alabama on February 16, 1941. She attended Snow Hill Institution Normal and graduated Industrial Institute in Snow Hill in 1960. Following her graduation, Annie went on to pursue a cosmetology license in Birmingham, Alabama. From there she began her career with Mutual Savings Insurance Company, where she spent more than twenty years before retiring as a district manager. In 2011, Annie was appointed to the Century Town Council. Annie was a dedicated and effective public servant, and she won the confidence of her constituents, as evidenced by her election to serve a second four-year term as a councilwoman.

In addition to her service to the Northwest Florida community, Annie was also a leader in the civic and religious community. For over sixty years, Annie remained a loyal and active member of the First Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Century, Florida. She served as church clerk for 28 years and in the church's senior choir for 19 years. She also served as the district missionary for the First West Florida District Association, corresponding secretary for the Evergreen District Congress of Christian Education and remained a faithful member of the Eastern Star. Caring for the community was more than a passion for Annie. In 2009, she and her husband opened their home as an outreach ministry for those in need of hot meals, transportation and spiritual guidance.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Annie Carter Savage. She will always be remembered by all of us in Northwest Florida as a true community leader. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Deacon Lloyd Savage, three daughters; Lomonica Savage-Shoemo, Tarrant Savage, and Melody Trice; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and the entire Savage family as we remember and honor the life of Annie Carter Savage.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR MICHELLE THOMAS' SERVICE TO THE LEESBURG COMMUNITY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to take a moment to recognize the significant accomplishments of Michelle Thomas, a remarkable individual from my district. A pastor in Leesburg, Virginia, Mrs. Thomas has dedicated her life to community service, preserving African American culture, and, most importantly, to God.

Pastor Thomas is the first African American woman to establish a church in Loudoun County, the Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries. Inspired by her upbringing in her father's Pentecostal church, Pastor Thomas decided to bring her message to the people of Loudoun. On November 19th, her ministry will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

One of Pastor Thomas' greatest achievements was her re-discovery of the Belmont

Slave Cemetery. The land she recently purchased for the expansion project of the Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries sits atop what was once part of Thomas Lee's plantation. This discovery inspired her to create the Loudoun Freedom Center. The center is dedicated to protecting African American cultural sites, resources, and communities through preservation and education. In recognition of her efforts, she became the first African American woman to be appointed to the Loudoun County Heritage Commission.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our most sincere congratulations to Pastor Michelle Thomas for her tireless dedication to her community and her faith. Her actions will have an incredible impact on the Loudoun community and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE HOPEWELL COMMUNITY CENTER

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 100 year celebration of the former Hopewell Congregational Methodist Church building. This building will become The Hopewell Community Center at McCord's Crossroads at the intersection of County Roads 16 and 29 in Cherokee County.

The church was built in 1916 and served its congregation for over 80 years before discontinuing services in 2000. The McCord's Crossroads Homemakers Club saw the potential for the building and in 2011, the church's Conference Board transferred the title of the building to the homemakers club. After a generous grant from the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, the building was moved from its original site to its current site today in 2014.

After much hard work and restoration from fundraisers and the community, the structure shines once again to serve the community for another 100 years.

On November 12, 2016, the community will celebrate the building and dedicate it as the new Hopewell Community Center at McCord's Crossroads.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 100 year celebration of this building and the future of The Hopewell Community Center.

HONORING RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO GRAY

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray.

As one of the original members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray enlisted in the military after high school and became a valued member of the air force, logging 750 hours as a pilot in World War II. His service and sacrifice helped to secure Allied victory in World War II.

Moreover, along with other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, he was a pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement; combatting discrimination in our armed forces and serving as role models as our nation's first African-American military aviators.

After his service in the air force, he continued to play a critical role in the Civil Rights Movement through the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., which provides scholarships for underrepresented minorities studying aviation and aerospace.

It is with great honor that I recognize Retired-Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray, an American hero.

TRIBUTE TO TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Tippecanoe County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

The county lies in the north-central part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. Tippecanoe County was established on March 1, 1826, and it was named for a Miami people term "Kethitippecanoogi" meaning a "place of the succor fish people". The county is the largest-populated county in the 4th District, and it is best known as the home of Purdue University and for the 1811 Battle of Tippecanoe.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the thirty-three Legacy Projects to-date throughout the county include the Indiana Native American Indiana Affairs Commission, Fairfield Township, West Lafayette Parks and Recreation, Lilly Nature Center, Ivy Tech Community College—Lafayette, Purdue University, Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs, Lafayette School Corporation, The Society of Indiana Pioneers, Tippecanoe County 4-H Exhibit Association, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, West Lafayette Public Arts Team, NICHES Land Trust, Geography Educators Network of Indiana, Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild, The Archaeological Conservancy, Purdue University College of Agriculture, West Lafayette Tree Friends, Tippecanoe County Parks, Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Monticello-Union Township Public Library, Morton Community Center, Dani M. Tippmann, Bach Chorale Singers, Inc., Catherine E. Mowery, Lafayette Symphony, Inc., Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Haan Mansion Museum of IN Art, Grounds Department—Physical Facilities Purdue University, Animalia, Inc., and the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Tippecanoe County for the contribution of its residents to

the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

RECOGNIZING THE DAVY AND  
STRANGE FAMILIES AS THE 2016  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILIES  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the John Davy and Glen Strange Families of Al-lentown for being selected as the 2016 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Families of the Year.

Both John and Glen developed a love of farming from watching their fathers. In 1986, the two purchased a small 10 acre tree farm and became business partners when they founded Panhandle Growers, Inc the following year. The farm grows specimen trees between 2"-4" in diameter for landscaping purposes. Now, 30 years later, the farm has grown to 350 acres and supplies trees throughout the Southeast.

John and his wife Sara have two children; Elizabeth, who graduated from Auburn University in 2015, and Emmett, who is a junior at Pace High School. Sara works as a pharmacist; and John, who enjoys growing enjoys growing camellias at home, has served three terms as president of the Pensacola Camellia Society.

Glen and his wife Janet have three children; Ali, who has two children with her husband Ben; Nicole, who is a senior at Troy University School of Nursing and Thomas who is a sophomore at Pensacola State School of Business. In addition to running the farm, Glen also serves as the Director with Farm Credit of Northwest Florida. It is his hopes that the tradition of farming will continue with his children and grandchildren.

Both families are active members of the Olive Baptist Church. The Davys are parent volunteers with World Race Adventures in Missions and the Stranges participate in local and international missions. Glen serves on the missions board.

Mr. Speaker, the Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the Davy and Strange families' tireless work and their dedication to family and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Davy and Strange families for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE AVETT BROTH-  
ERS INDUCTION INTO THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MUSIC HALL  
OF FAME

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my favorite bands, the Avett

Brothers, who were inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame on October 20, 2016. With this recognition, the band joins the ranks of the North Carolina music legends including Andy Griffith, Charlie Daniels, and James Taylor.

Raised in Concord, North Carolina, Scott and Seth Avett took an unlikely path to becoming the music icons they are today. Never forgetting their North Carolina roots, the band has traveled the world but still holds on to their humble beginnings. Before hitting the "big time" the brothers explored every avenue they could to keep their music dreams alive. Whether it was selling shoes, working 20-hour shifts on movie sets, or pedaling grilled cheese sandwiches in the parking lot of Grateful Dead shows they never lost sight of their dreams to connect people through their love of music.

Together with Bob Crawford and Joe Kwon, the Avett Brothers have been delivering high energy performances since the turn of the century. From their father's garage to the Late Show with David Letterman the band has captivated audiences with their ability to connect on a human level about shared experiences anyone can relate to. Their unique blend of rock and folk music with a 21st century spin has found a place in the hearts of people all over the world.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Avett Brothers are extremely deserving of this recognition and I wish them the best as they tour the country and continue to be a great source of pride for Cabarrus County and all of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Scott, Seth, Bob, and Joe—the Avett Brothers—on their induction into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICE OF  
SGT. DOUGLAS J. RINEY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of U.S. Army Sgt. Douglas J. Riney who was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on October 19, 2016. I've always believed that the best way to really know who a person was, is to hear the memories from those who knew him best. As friends and family members in Fairview and across our community have come together to mourn the loss of this true American hero, it's clear that Sgt. Riney was a man who believed in the values that have made our nation strong. Like so many who grew up in Fairview, Sgt. Riney believed in service. After graduating from Spoon River Valley High School, Sgt. Riney became a volunteer firefighter with the Fairview Fire Protection District where he earned a reputation as a man who could always be counted on.

In the United States Army, Sgt. Riney was deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom from July 2014 to February 2015. In June of this year, he was again deployed as part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. As part of the Support Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, 1st

Cavalry Division, from Fort Hood, Texas, Sgt. Riney excelled at his work. Through the years, for his courage and commitment to getting the job done, Sgt. Riney was repeatedly recognized as he earned many commendations including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. On that fateful day in Kabul, our nation lost one of its finest, and the community of Fairview lost one of its best.

Mr. Speaker, as we mourn the loss of Sgt. Douglas J. Riney, let us also give thanks for the positive impact and legacy that he leaves behind. While words offer little consolation to soothe the pain of losing a loved one, our nation offers its deepest condolences and heartfelt gratitude to the family of Sgt. Riney, today and always.

HONORING KANSAS CITY'S  
FLIGHTLESS HONOR FLIGHT  
VETERANS

**HON. KEVIN YODER**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 17 Kansas City area veterans who took part in a special "Flightless" Honor Flight last week on Friday, November 11, 2016—Veterans Day. Among other activities, the group had the opportunity to visit and tour the World War I Museum and Memorial, near my district in Kansas City.

The Honor Flight Network's mission is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. However, this is not always possible, so the local extension, Honor Flight Kansas City, decided to start a Flightless Honor Flight program for those who are unable to make the trip to Washington.

Now in its second year, the Flightless Honor Flight program has helped contribute to the goal of the national organization by continuing to honor those who have served.

Representing every branch of the military, this unique group was made up of veterans who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. The Veterans who participated are as follows: Tony Arnone, Air Force (Korea); Bill Barr, Navy (WWII); Russell Callahan, Coast Guard (WWII); Max Deweese, Marines (WWII/Korea); Bob Edwards, Army (Vietnam); Mike Elrod, Army (Vietnam); Ace Fasenmayer, Army (WWII); Tom Garrett, Navy (Korea); Floyd Greenwood, Army (Korea); Clyde Reece Hulet, Army (WWII); George Nicholson, Army (Korea); Dennis Owens, Marines (Vietnam); Agapito "Pete" Sanchez, Army (Vietnam); Juanita Smith, Navy (WWII); Robert Willis Sprague, Army (Vietnam); Delbert Stephens, Navy (WWII); Gene Taylor, Navy (Korea).

Each of these brave Americans deserves our everlasting thanks for their contributions to the war effort, and for their sacrifice on behalf of our country and way of life.

On behalf of a grateful nation, we say thank you for your service.